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Randolph Township Trustees Organize for 2009

On January 5, 2009 the Randolph Township Trustees met to organize the township government for the new year.

Michael T. Lang will be Chairman this year and Gary L. Horning will be Vice Chairman. The Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. and the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meeting changes will be advertised.

The Trustees appointed Michael T. Lang Jr. to the position of Fire Chief.



Michael T. Lang Jr., Fire Chief

Department Assignments were made as follows:

Trustee Lang: Zoning, Cemetery, Buildings, Machinery, and Equipment.

Trustee Horning: Roads, Sewer, Northeast Ohio Public Energy

Council alternate, Regional Planning, Parks, and Cable.

Trustee Klodt: Fire, EMS, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Community Betterment, Health Board.

Road Assignments were made as follows:

Lang: Schroeder, Luli, Shaffer, Aberagg, Swartz, Belding, Alexander W, Eberly W, and Trump

Horning: Bassett E & W, Wilkes, Taylor, Fairground, and Olde Mill Allotment

Klodt: Alexander E, Horning, Eberly E, Thomas, Unger, Matti, Pamer, Dibble, Maxwell, and German Church.

Parks

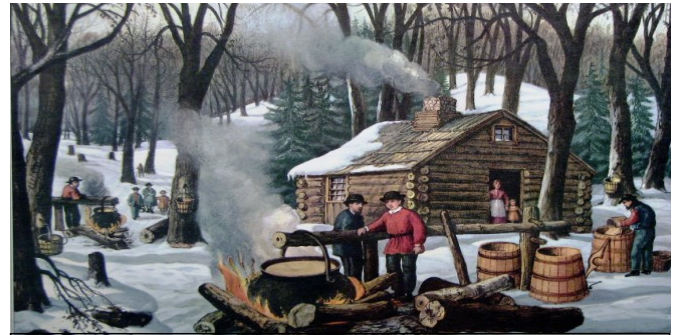
The trustees also appointed Janice Adelman, Nancy Breidmeier and Carol Kline to the Parks Commission.

Fire & EMS

Diane Bunker was appointed Assistant Fire Chief and Calvin Eyre as Captain.

Roads

Larry Klodt was appointed as Road Supervisor and Tim Pfile was



Maple Sugar An Ongoing Tradition

The Native Americans were the first to recognize the maple sap as a source of energy and nutrition. They used their tomahawks to make V-shaped incisions in the trees. Then they would insert reeds to run the sap into buckets made from birch bark. Due to the lack of proper equipment, the sap was slightly concentrated either by throwing hot stones in the bucket, or by leaving it overnight and removing the layer of ice which had formed on top. It was drunk as a sweet drink or used in cooking.

In the 1700s, the European settlers taped Maple Trees for Maple Sugar production throughout the Northeastern part of our country. They used wooden buckets, made by hollowing out a log. When the log was full, they poured the sap into a cast-iron cauldron and

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appointed Assistant Road Supervisor for the year of 2009.

Randolph Township Road Department will install up to 30 feet of culvert pipe for driveways for the cost of materials only. For driveway culverts over 30 feet, or additional culvert work, there is a \$5.00 per foot labor charge plus the cost of materials (pipe and stone). These charges will be billed to the resident.

Zoning

from your home. Income level is a factor in most grants. For more information contact Denise McCann from the USDA at 330 830-7700 ext. 145 or Mort Webb from NDS at 330 297-6400 ext. 230.

There may also be a Homestead discount available for the monthly sewer charge through PCWR for more information call 330 297-3670.

Dan Kolasky was appointed as Zoning Inspector, Secretary to Zoning Boards, Junk Motor Vehicle Inspector, Dog Control Officer, Hall Rental Contact and other miscellaneous duties as required by the Randolph Township Trustees.

Hall Rental Fees

Meetings in all rental halls:
Resident - \$50.00;
Non-resident - \$75.00

Party in Community or Senior Center:

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New Sewer Discussed

The Randolph Township Trustees held a meeting on January 7, to discuss the St Rt 44 (phase II) of the new sewer system. It has been installed and tested, and is ready for hook-ups. Representatives from Portage County Water Resources, USDA and Neighborhood Development Services were present to answer questions.

At this time all residents in the

sewer service area should have received a letter from PC Water Resources explaining the costs for hookup and a list of installers licensed with the county. Any questions about the monthly cost of sewer service may be directed to Jeff Lonrick at 297-3670.

Financial assistance may be available in the form of grants for the cost of sewer hookup

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Zoning and Agricultural Buildings

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Community Calendar

February

- 9 Senior Lunch 12 pm Senior Center
- 12 Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall
- 13 Bluegrass Music 6 pm Community Center
- 23 Zoning Com. 7 pm Senior Center
- 24 Historical Society 7:30 pm Senior Center
- 25 Waterloo Alumni Association 7 pm Senior Center
- 26 Township Trustees 7:30 pm Town Hall

March

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- 25 Waterloo Alumni Association 7 pm

Most construction projects, whether a simple addition to an existing residence or accessory building, or the construction of a completely new structure require the issuance of a zoning certificate.

There are some structures that are considered exempt from the local zoning resolution and do not require an actual zoning certificate be issued. These structures would have to be used for agricultural purposes to qualify for exempt status. Generally, a structure used to house livestock, or the feed (hay and grain for example) for livestock would be considered an agricultural use and therefore exempt from local zoning. Most other structures

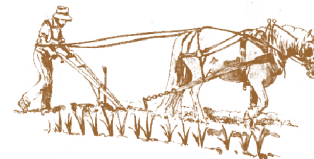
do not qualify for the agricultural exemption and therefore require a zoning certificate be issued. There are other uses that will qualify for the agricultural exemption, please contact the zoning office for clarification.

Before starting on the construction of a structure to be used for agricultural purposes, a zoning exemption certificate must be issued. This exemption certificate is for protection of the property owner as well as a record in the zoning office that the property owner has contacted this office.

Often times, we will receive a call from the Portage County Building Department inquiring if an "under construction" struc-

ture has the necessary zoning certificate. If the appropriate zoning certificate or exemption certificate has been issued, the matter is cleared up immediately. If this office is unaware of an "under construction" project, further investigation will be necessary.

There is no fee for an exemption certificate, just a simple sight plan is necessary. Please contact the zoning office at 330 325-7338 or, stop by the zoning office at 3636 Waterloo Rd.



Trustees Organize for 2009

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| Resident | \$75 |
| Non-resident | \$150 |
| Party in Town Hall: | |
| Resident | \$100 |
| Non-resident | \$200 |
| Ball Field Pavilion: | |
| Residents only | \$25.00 |

The person renting the hall will be required to complete a contract and will be responsible for any damage repairs or special cleanup costs.

Cemetery Fees

Four (4) graves per family will be sold to residents at \$150.00 per grave, residents with honorable discharge from the service will receive one free lot for their own use;

Non-residents are permitted four (4) lots per family at a cost of \$300.00 each.

One casket and one cremation or four cremations is permitted on each regular lot.

Burial fees are:

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| Opening/Closing Weekday | \$250 |
| Opening/Closing Weekend/Holiday | \$400 |
| Cremation Weekday | \$50 |
| Cremation Weekend/Holiday | \$100 |
| Infant Burial Weekday | \$100 |
| Infant Burial Weekend/Holiday | \$150 |

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| Disinterment | \$500 |
| Footers | \$45/Sqft. |

There is Chapel located at the Hillside-West Cemetery on Hartville Road. This chapel is available for services free of charge.

Zoning Fees

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| Single dwelling | \$100 |
| Duplex | \$150 |
| Driveway | \$20 |
| Oil and gas drive | \$100 |
| Conditional permits and variances | \$150 |
| Road boring | \$50 |
| Rezoning | \$200 |
| Storage shed, swimming pool, hot tub, garage, signs, lot splits | \$25 |
| Residential addition or deck | \$30 |
| Commercial/industrial building or addition | \$75 plus \$.01 per square foot to maximum of \$225 |
| Multi-family site plan review | \$225 |
| Zoning books | \$20 |
| CD | \$5 |
| Tape copies | \$10 |
| Land Use Plan Book | \$65 |
| \$.25 per page copies | |

Proposed 2009 Projects

The following are proposed projects. Budgetary constraints may be a factor in completing these projects.

1. Generator at town center
2. Gazebo or shelter school

park

3. Ohio Public Works Commission paving project on Shaffer Road

4. Cemetery improvements (fencing and trees)

5. Town Hall roof repairs

6. Fire Station roof repairs

7. Cold storage building at 3636 Waterloo Road

8. Sidewalks

9. Beverly Sanctuary - selective tree removal and using timber for a bridge in the park.

This is an over view of the 2009 Randolph Township Trustees Organizational Meeting. If you have any specific questions please call the township offices at 325-3101 or 325-7338.

More information may also be obtained on the Randolph Township Website.

www.RandolphTownshipOhio.gov

A copy of this quarterly newsletter may be obtained at the Randolph Library, The Township Administration Building and by requesting to be on the mailing list by calling one of the above numbers.



These are times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Thomas Paine

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued the following tips for the use of portable power generators following power outages:

NEVER use a portable generator indoors, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent Carbon Mon-

oxide (CO) buildup.

Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area, far away from doors, windows, or away from doors, windows, or vents that lead indoors.

Install CO alarms with battery backup in your home, test them frequently, and

replace dead batteries.

Plug appliances into heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator.

Get to fresh air right away if you feel dizzy or weak. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.

How to Care for Your Septic System

Households not served by public sewers usually depend on a septic system to dispose of wastewater. Properly maintaining your septic system now will maximize your system's life, and good maintenance reduces the risk of contaminating your well water, and may save you from costly repairs or system replacement. Taking care of your septic system isn't difficult. The following guidelines will help you properly maintain your septic system.

Divert Rainwater Away From the Septic Drainfield. A waterlogged drainfield won't absorb liquid waste. Roof gutters and

foundation drains should divert water away from the septic drainfield.

Keep Trees Away from the Septic System. Trees with very aggressive roots, such as willows, should not be planted near the septic system.

The Toilet Isn't a Garbage Disposal. Never flush cat litter, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, coffee grounds, or cigarette butts.

Avoid Hazardous Chemicals. Varnish, paint thinners, motor oils, gasoline and other similar chemicals can ruin your system and are a hazard to groundwater.

Do not drive over the drainfield, build a structure on top of it, or cover it with concrete or asphalt.

Perform Regular Maintenance. Solids must eventually be pumped from the tank. It is recommended that you have your septic tank pumped every 3-5 years of full time use.

If you have any questions about your septic system or proper maintenance, you can contact the Portage County Health Department at (330) 296-9919. Additional information can also be found online at <http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/pdf/>

HISTORY OF RANDOLPH "CHARACTERS"

By Richard Staats, VP Randolph Historical Society

Any community worth its salt must have folks known as "real characters"; and in its 205-year history Randolph Township has known a few. Take Frank Cooper for instance. In the mid-1870's, this 27-year old character, known as the "Wild Man," haunted the woods and farms of Randolph. As reported at that time, "A short thick set body, bull neck, shock headed, grizzled beard, protruding lower jaw, mouth and teeth like an orangutan, hands and face foul and dirty, clothed in as many garments as he can get into, which hang in rags all over him and you have a picture of the forest denizen. Of late he has frequented sugar camps, often drinking a

quart of thick syrup at one time. Several times he has been found in an arch lying upon the grates over a bed of coals and hot ashes." In every hollow log or stump for five miles around, one could see the Wild Man's plunder. "In one a bundle of traps, a jar of salt, a bag of meal, in another a tea kettle, tin cup, basin and a white bowl... a pair of pants, an iron kettle, a bottle of oil, a tin basin, a jug of syrup. Tea kettles and iron pots are so numerous that wherever he captures skunk or possum he is sure to have a kettle close by."

A newspaper report out of Randolph in September 1921 promotes Tony Knapp for the honor of being a character. "Tony Knapp has

again had the misfortune of being struck by an auto while walking in the middle of the road, Tuesday night, this time breaking an arm and a leg." Since there were no sidewalks in Randolph at that time, poor old Tony had no choice but to walk in the road. But couldn't he have walked off to the side, and didn't those old time horseless carriages make a lot of noise? Wouldn't you think that Tony would have been a little more cautious after being run over once before? Did our unlucky Tony come upon some illegal corn liquor? We'll never know.

However, we probably could nominate a Randolph "character" for 2009.

Ohio Township Trivia

Q. What was the first form of government in Ohio? A. Townships

Q. How many townships are in Ohio? A. 1308

Q. What is the largest function of a township? A. Road Maintenance

Q. In what year did Ohio first authorize township Zoning? A. 1947

Basketball Hoops

Portable basketball hoops have been very popular throughout the Township over the last couple of years. Hoops that are put in the road right-of-way have already caused problems in some areas.

According to Ohio Revised Code Section 3767.15, no obstructions may be placed in the right-of-way. The Board of Trustees asks for the sake of road safety that these hoops be moved out of the right-of-way

Zoning Permits

Permits Issued, Year End Totals For 2008

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| Lot Splits | new lots | 2 |
| Residential New Construction | | 7 |
| Residential Additions | | 3 |
| Residential Deck/Porch | | 7 |
| Accessory Building | | 12 |
| Agricultural Buildings | | 5 |
| Signs | | 2 |
| Pools | | 2 |

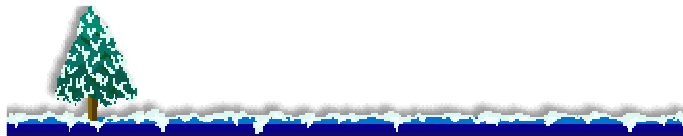
Prevent Drainage Problems

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into storm sewers, ditches or streets. Keeping storm sewers and ditches clean will help reduce drainage problems.

Your cooperation is appreciated.



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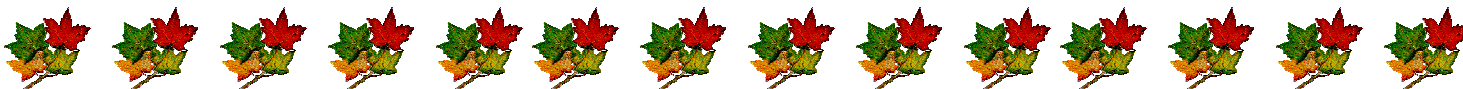
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Sugar House

boiled the liquid in the woods, where their trees were located. To protect themselves from wind and rain, they built a little camp. Often times whole families would move to the woods to do the sap gathering and sap boiling, hence the term "sugar camp". They literally moved to the woods and camped out, as the boiling process in early times was excessively time consuming.

This custom quickly became an integral part of colony life and during the 17th and 18th centuries, syrup was a major source of high quality pure sugar.

By the 1850s, the "sugar shack" or "sugarhouse" arrived as we know it today. The settlers had refined the methods for collecting the sap. The sap was transported using large barrel pulled by horses or oxen and brought to the sugar shack for processing.

At this time, the maple sugar was the only available sugar, and it was called

"country sugar". Maple sugar production was especially important due to the fact that other types of sugar were hard to find and expensive. It was as common on the table as salt is today.

The tradition of making Maple Sugar (Syrup) is still common in our area. Many continue this spring tradition.

Doc Jenkins of 991 Pamer Rd. in Randolph is one of those still making maple syrup starting February 15, each year.

He is offering to show anyone stopping in his Maple Syrup operation. Doc said "If you see steam coming out of his Sugar House, stop in, he is making syrup." Groups wanting to take a tour should call Doc at 330 947-2775.

Doc is excited about this years Syrup production and welcomes all to come see his operation.

